

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 8564

Yutaka NISHIOKA et al.

Art Unit: 1715

Application No.: 10/569,470

Examiner: Mandy C. LOUIE

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For: APPARATUS FOR PREPARING OXIDE THIN FILM AND METHOD FOR
PREPARING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: **December 30, 2010**

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated September 1, 2010, the period for response being extended one-month with payment of the appropriate fees.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

Remarks/arguments are presented on page 6.